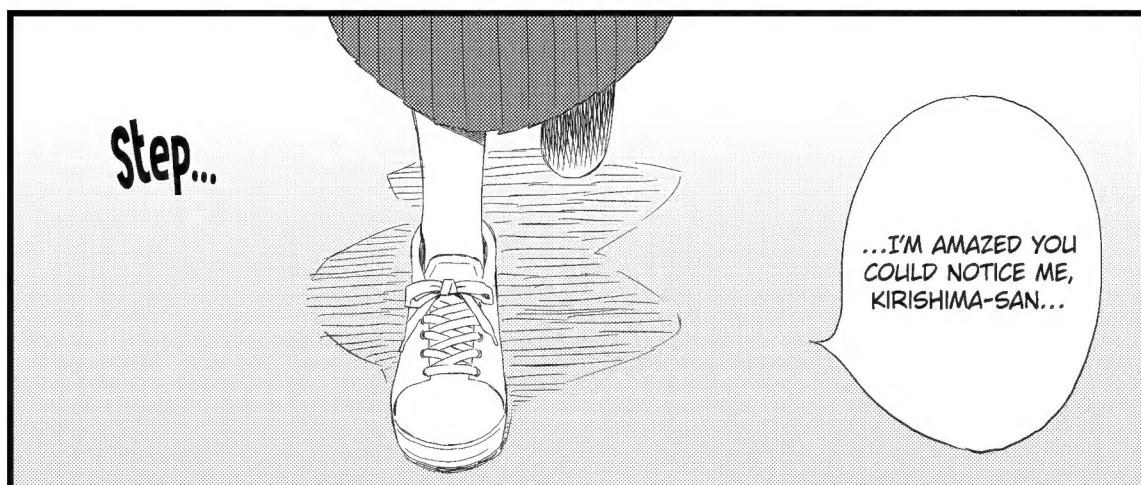
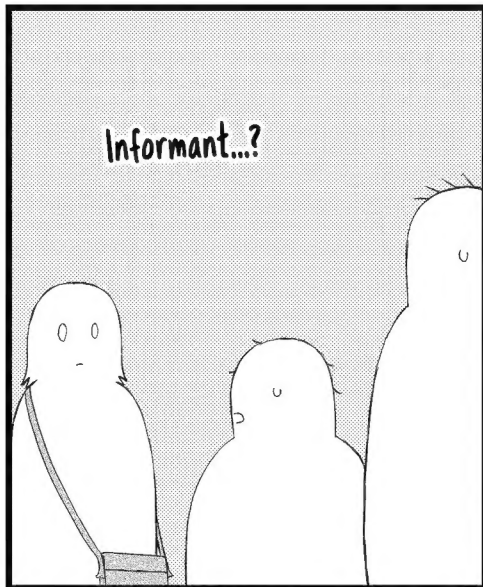
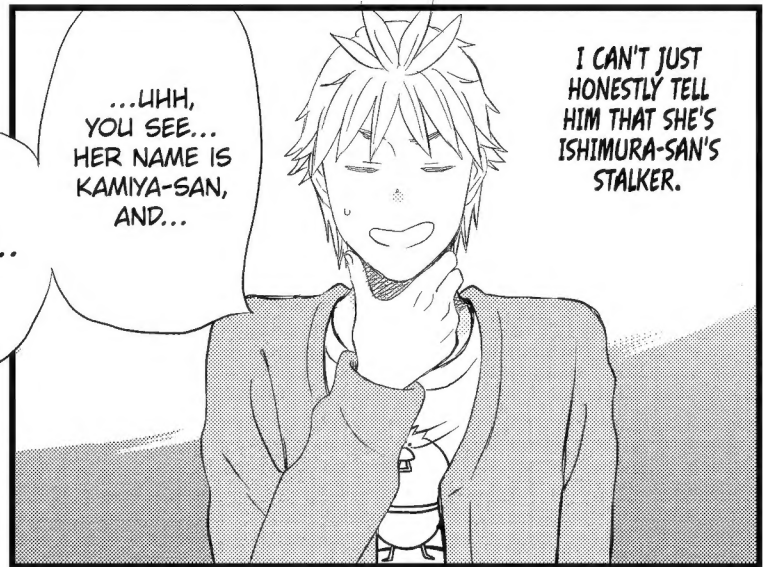
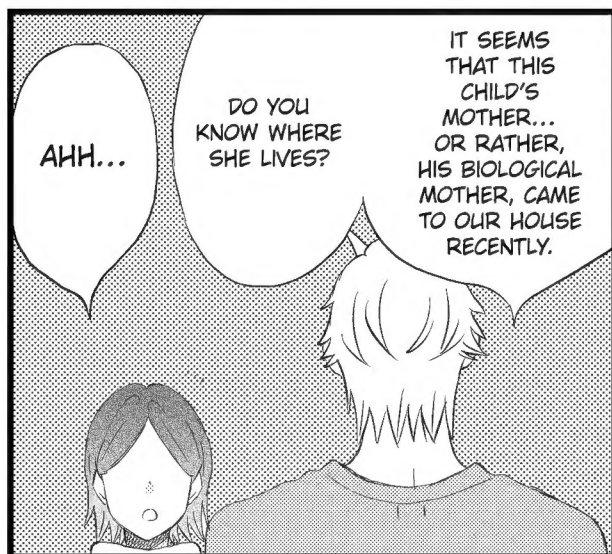




Chapter 73: Together With The Stalker









HOWEVER?

...HOWEVER.



I KNEW IT.
SHE KNOWS
SOMETHING.

INDEED,
A SUSPICIOUS
WOMAN HAS BEEN
QUIETLY FOLLOWING
JUN-KUN FOR A
WHILE...

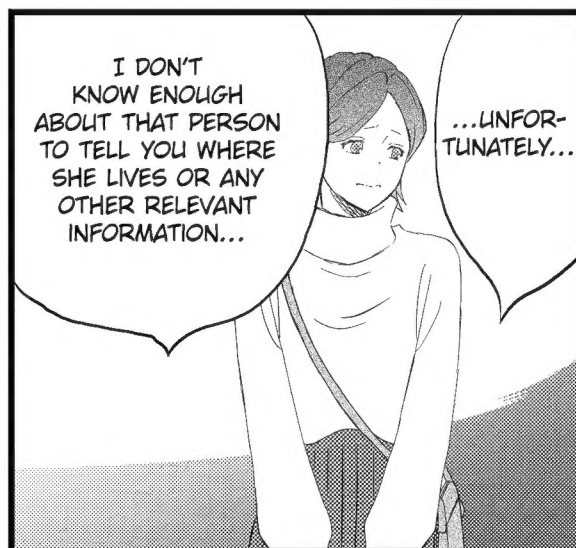
TO THINK
HER STALKING
ACTIVITIES WOULD
ACTUALLY BE USEFUL
ONE DAY... I HAVE
MIXED FEELINGS
ABOUT THIS.



UM...
IT'S STRANGE
TO APOLOGIZE
FOR THAT,
YOU KNOW?

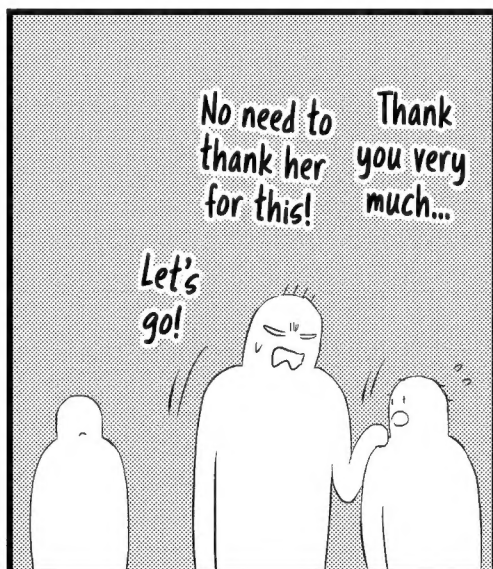
I'M
SORRY...

I SEE...



I DON'T
KNOW ENOUGH
ABOUT THAT PERSON
TO TELL YOU WHERE
SHE LIVES OR ANY
OTHER RELEVANT
INFORMATION...

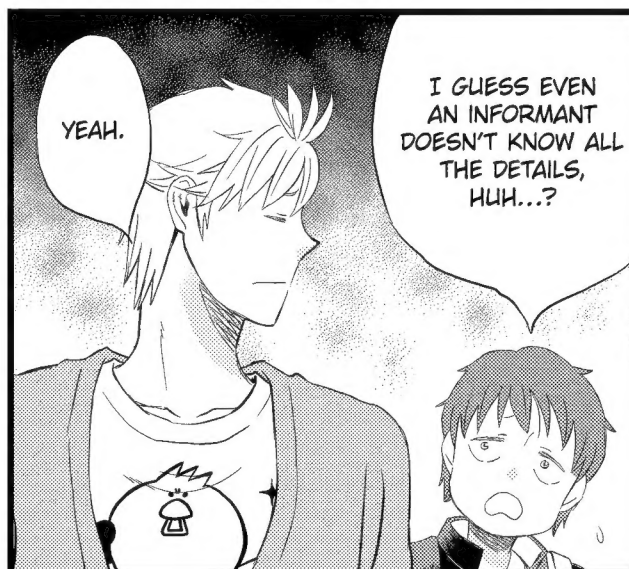
...UNFOR-
TUNATELY...



No need to
thank her
for this!

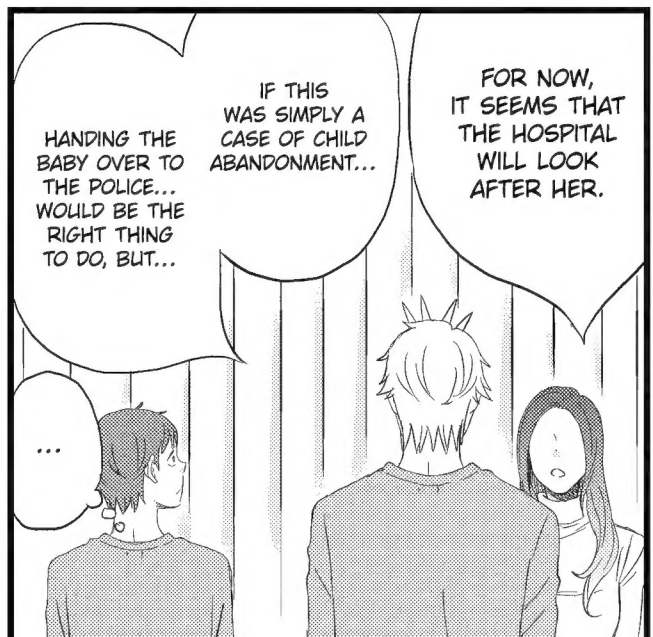
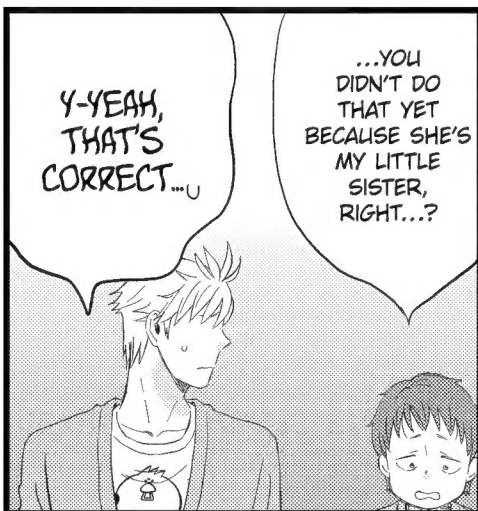
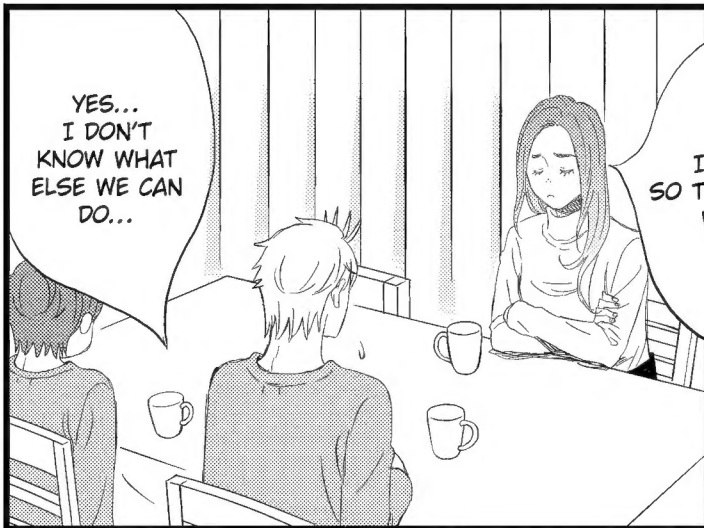
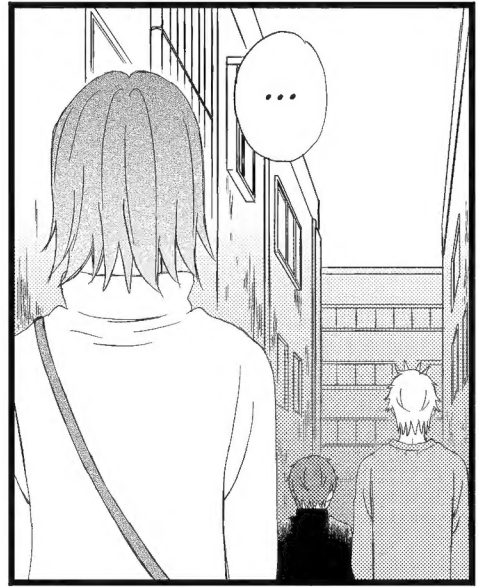
Thank
you very
much...

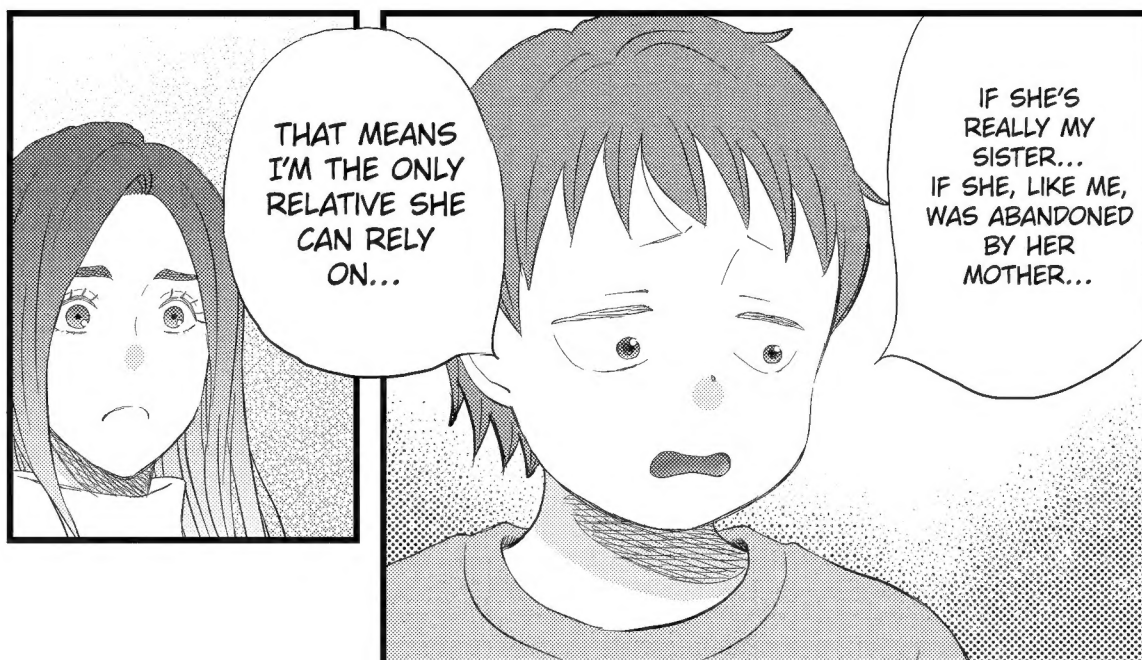
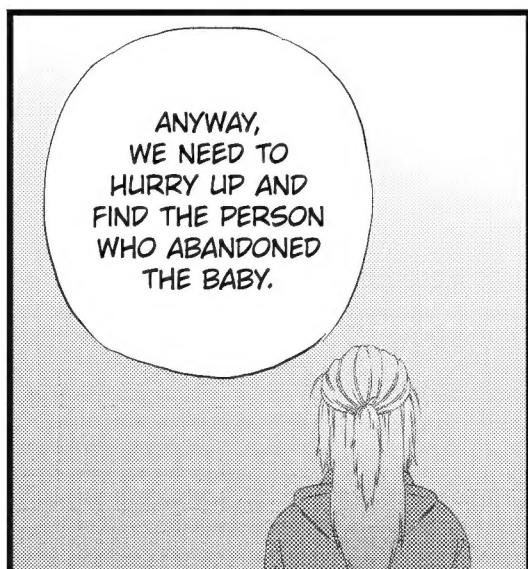
Let's
go!

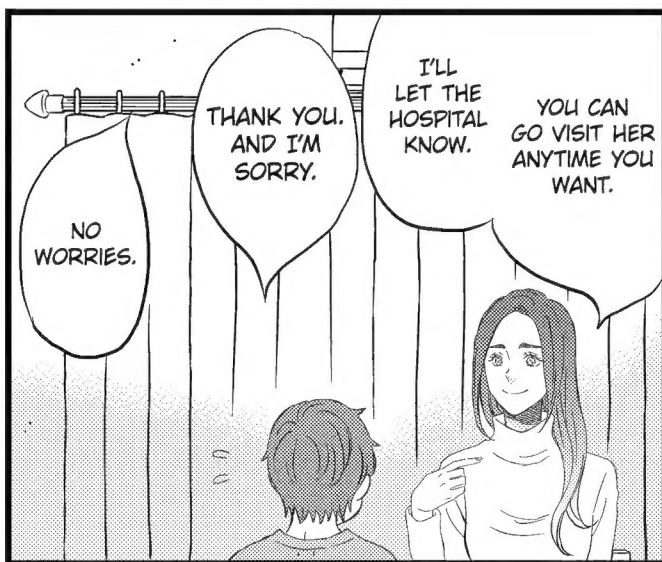
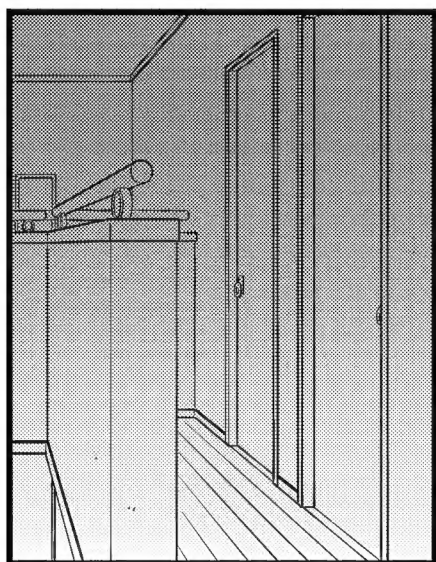
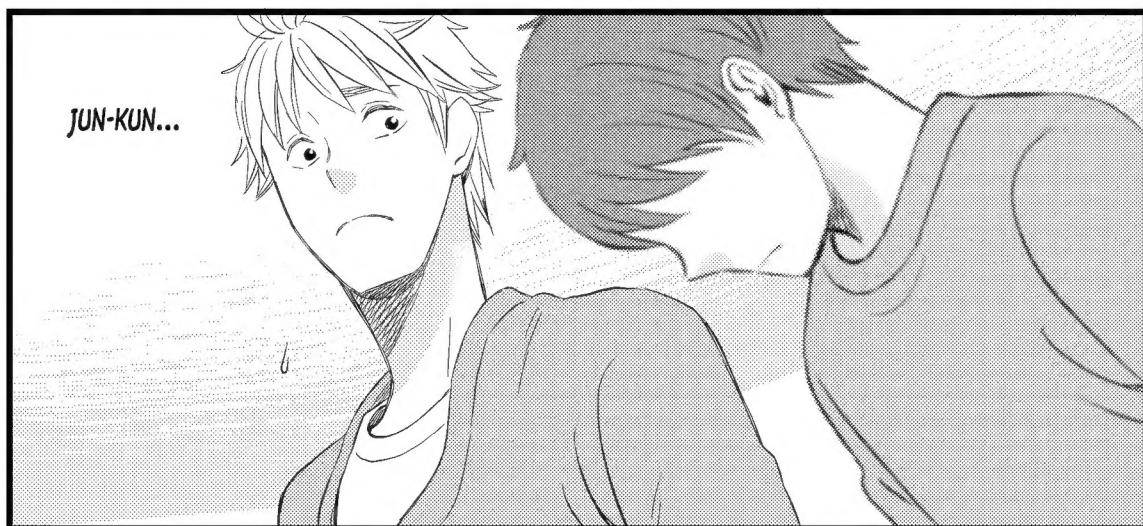


YEAH.

I GUESS EVEN
AN INFORMANT
DOESN'T KNOW ALL
THE DETAILS,
HUH...?







SHE EVEN THREW
AWAY THE CHILD
SHE HAD AFTER
THAT...HUH?

THAT WOMAN
ABANDONED
JUN-KUN AND HER
HUSBAND TO RUN
AWAY WITH A
MAN...



I CAN'T
DECIDE ON
WHAT TO DO
WITH THAT
BABY...

...ANYWAY,
UNTIL I MEET
JUN-KUN'S
MOTHER IN
PERSON...



SHE CONTINUES
TO STALK AI-SAN AS
IF IT WERE THE MOST
NATURAL THING IN
THE WORLD...

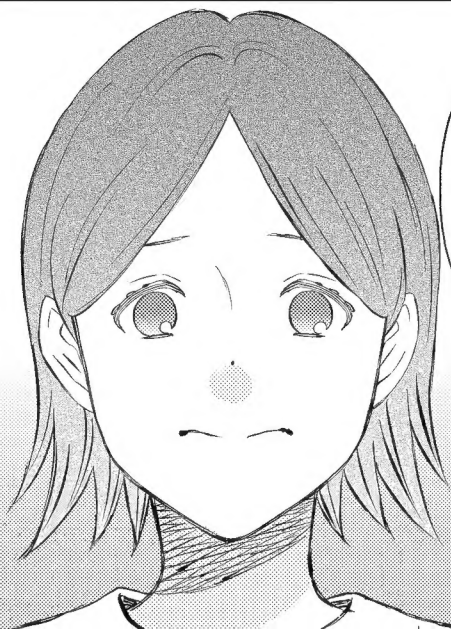
THAT
BEING SAID,
THAT STALKER
IS PROVING TO
BE USELESS
AT SUCH A
CRITICAL
TIME...

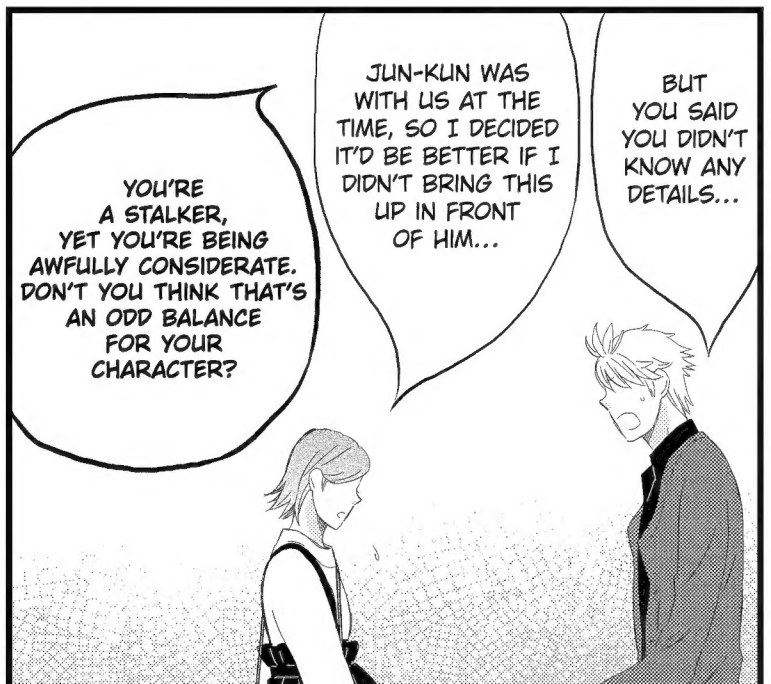
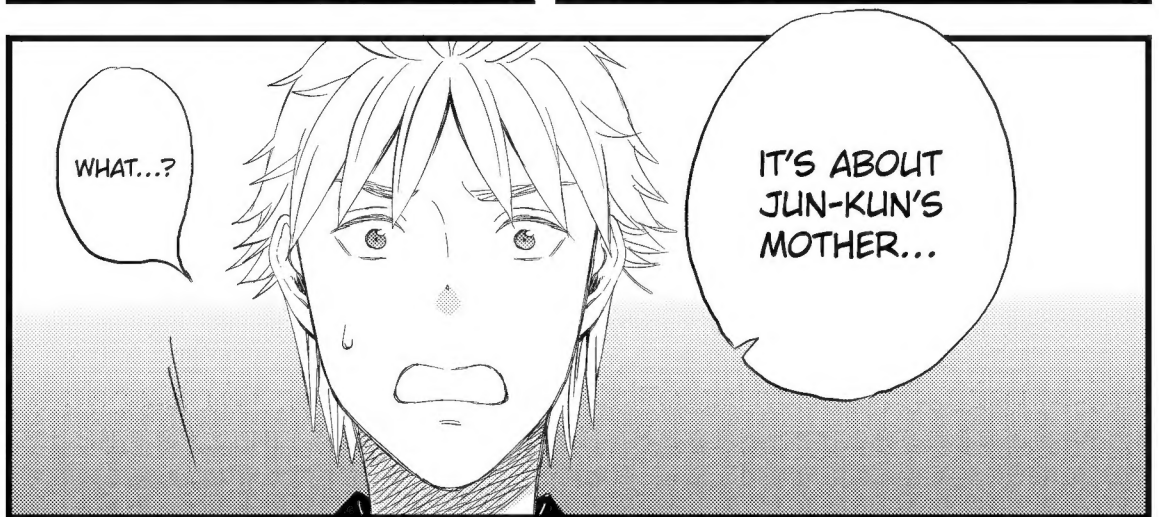
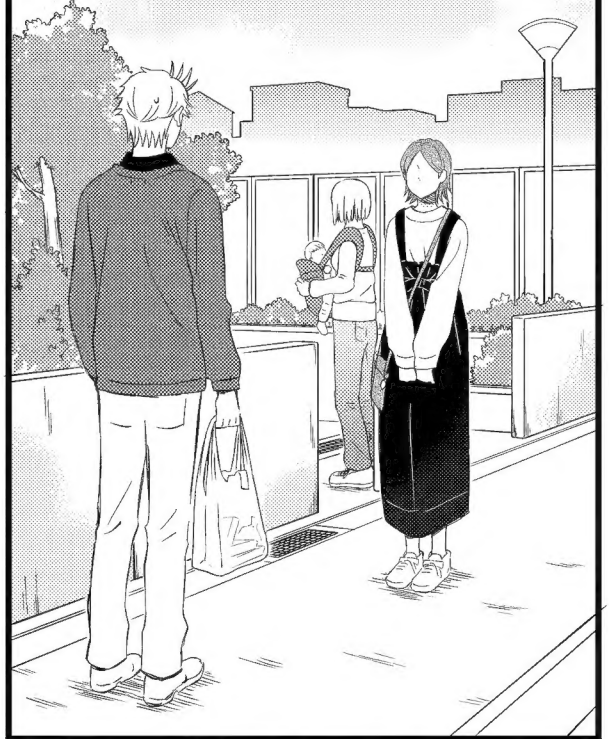
JUN-KUN
SURE WAS BORN
TO AN AMAZING
MOTHER...
THE POOR
THING.

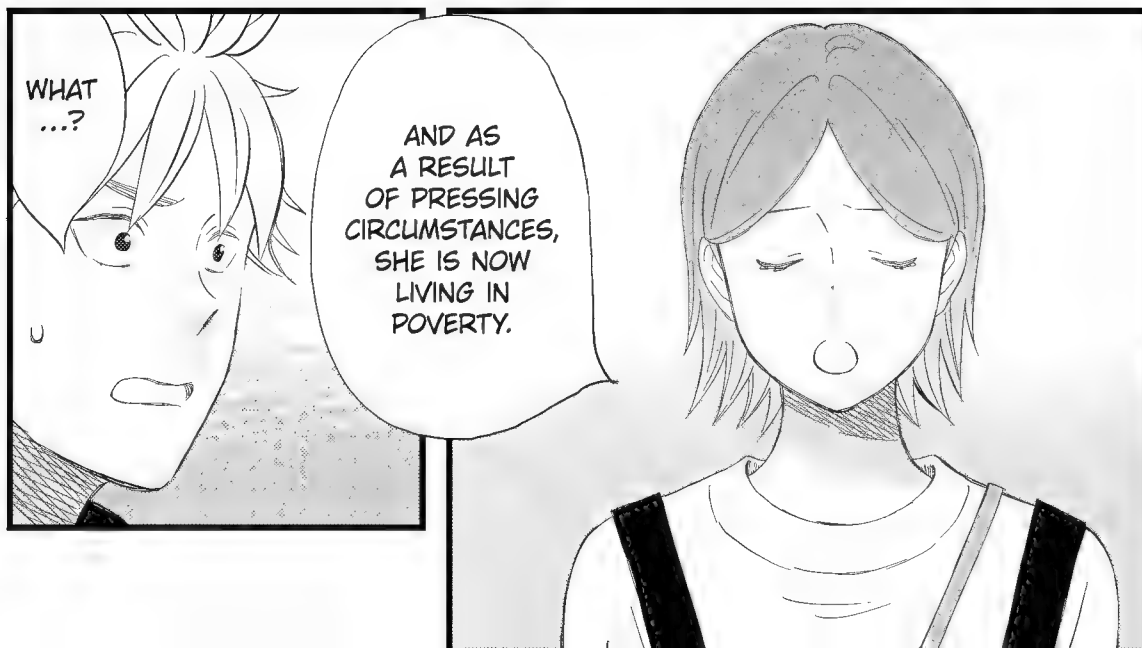
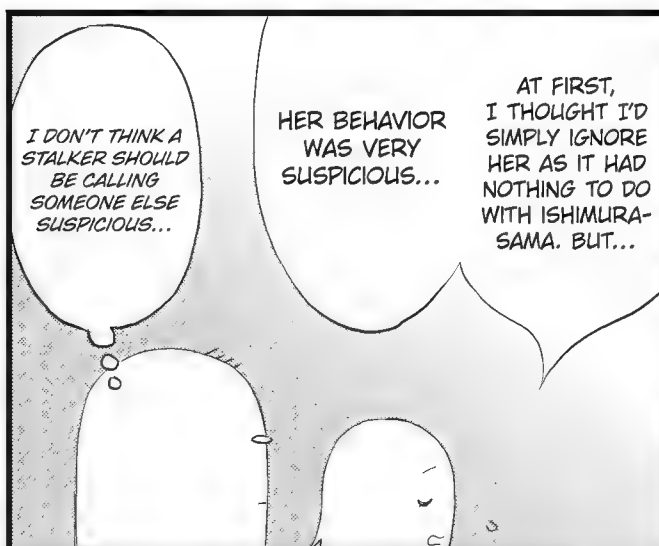


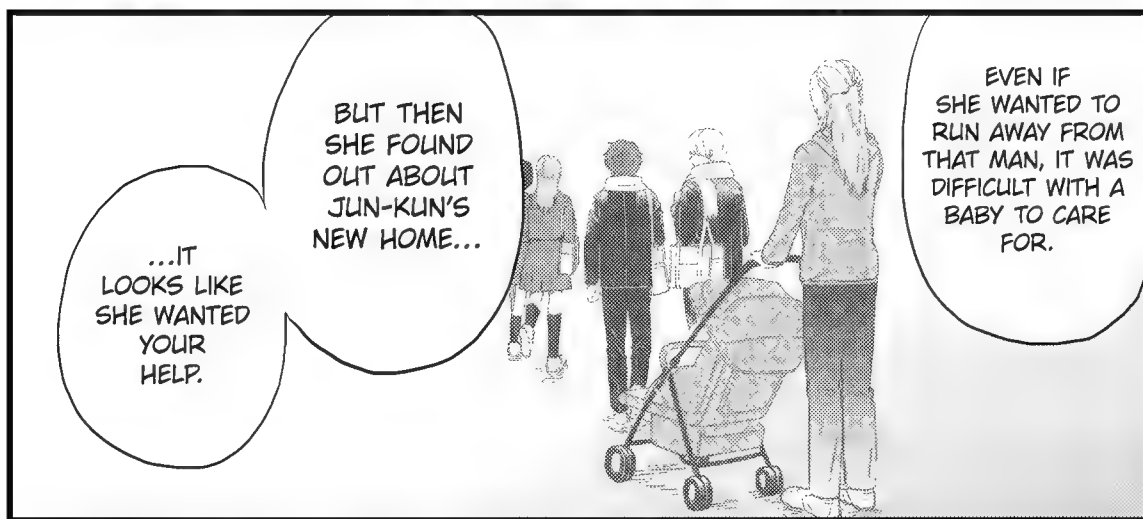
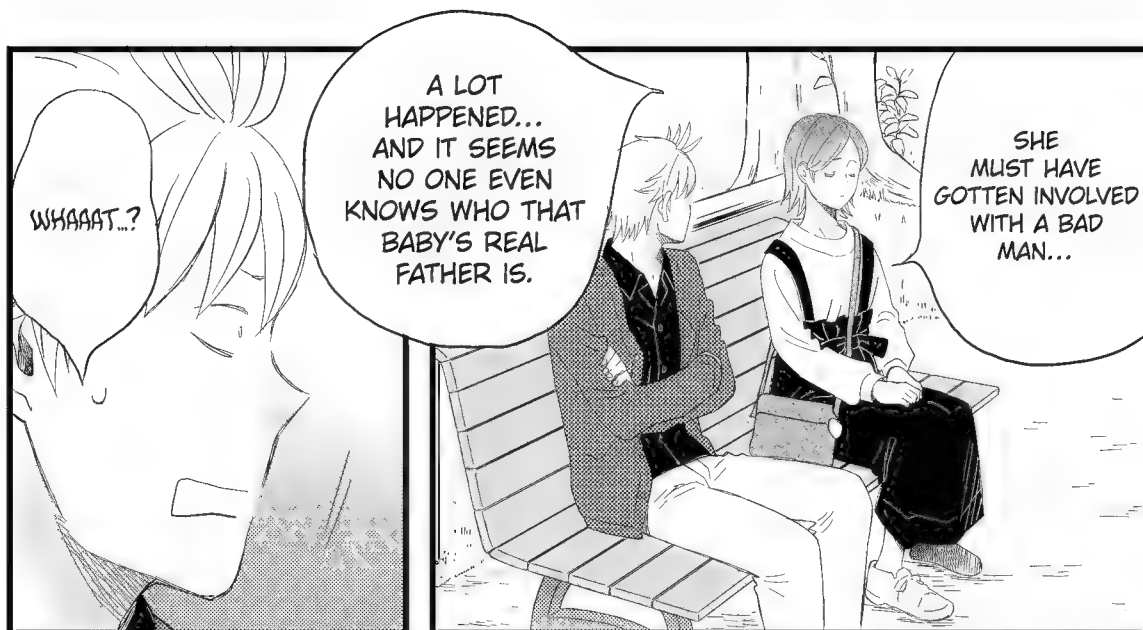
I HAVE
NO CHOICE
BUT TO HAVE
A TALK WITH
HER AGAIN...

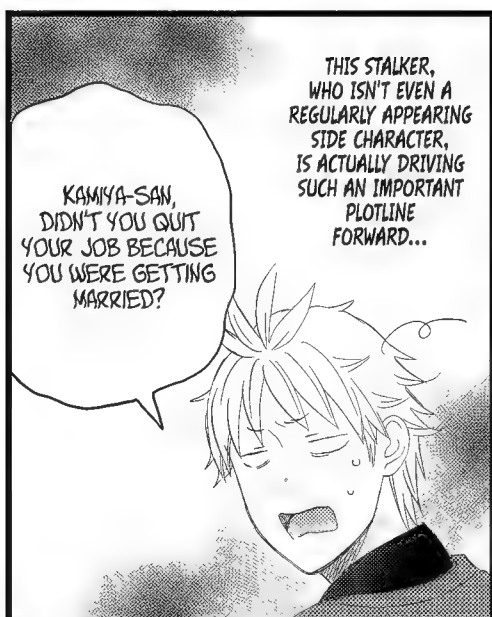
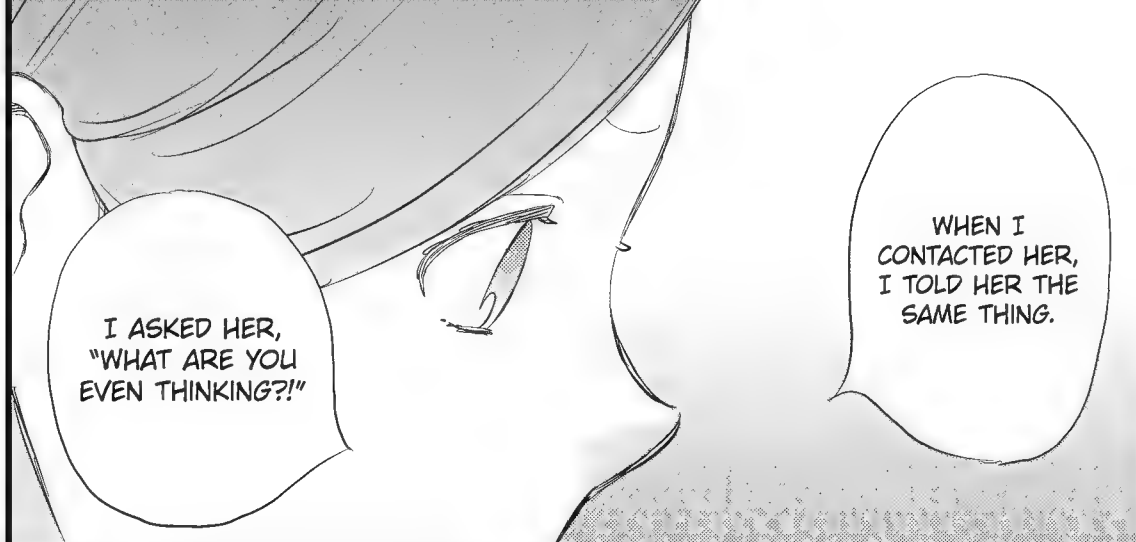
EVEN IF I
THREATEN TO
CALL THE POLICE,
THAT STILL
WON'T STOP
HER...

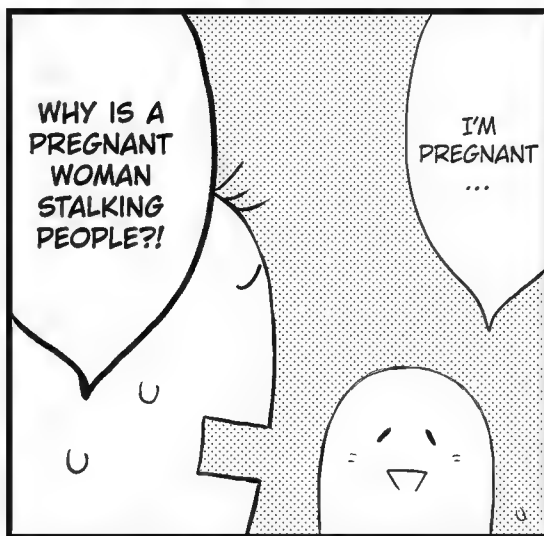
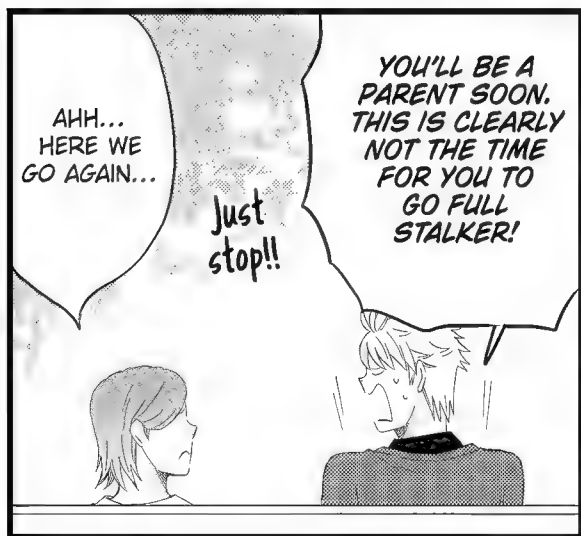
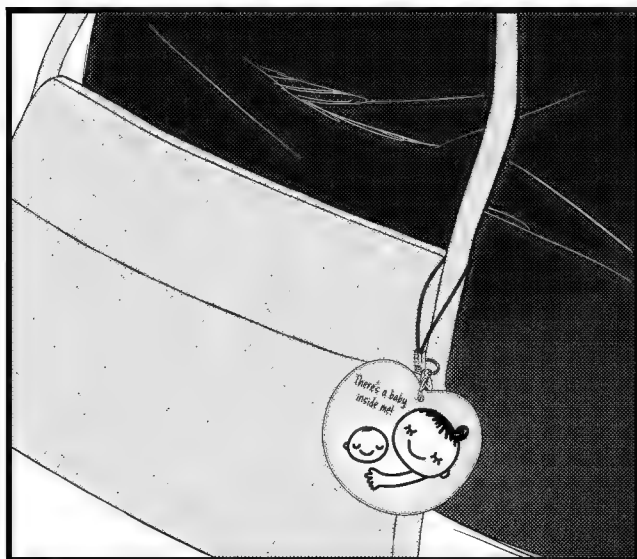






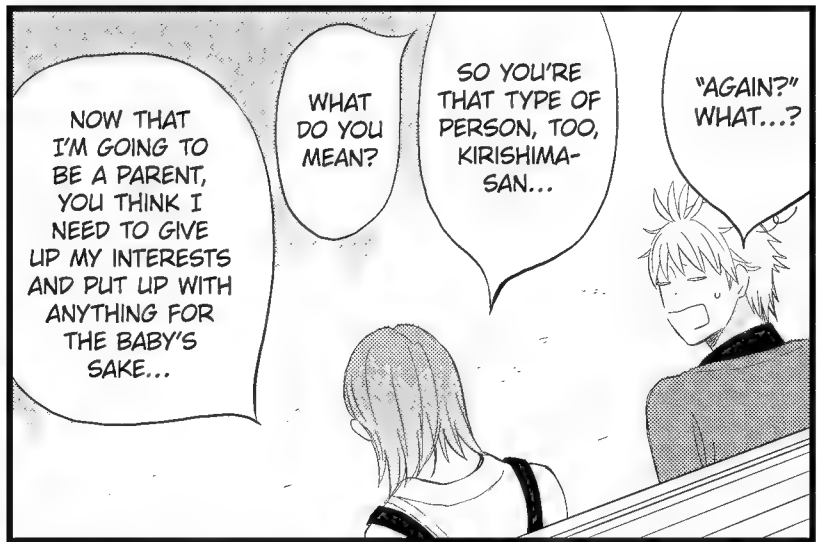








WELL,
I THINK
THAT'S
WRONG.

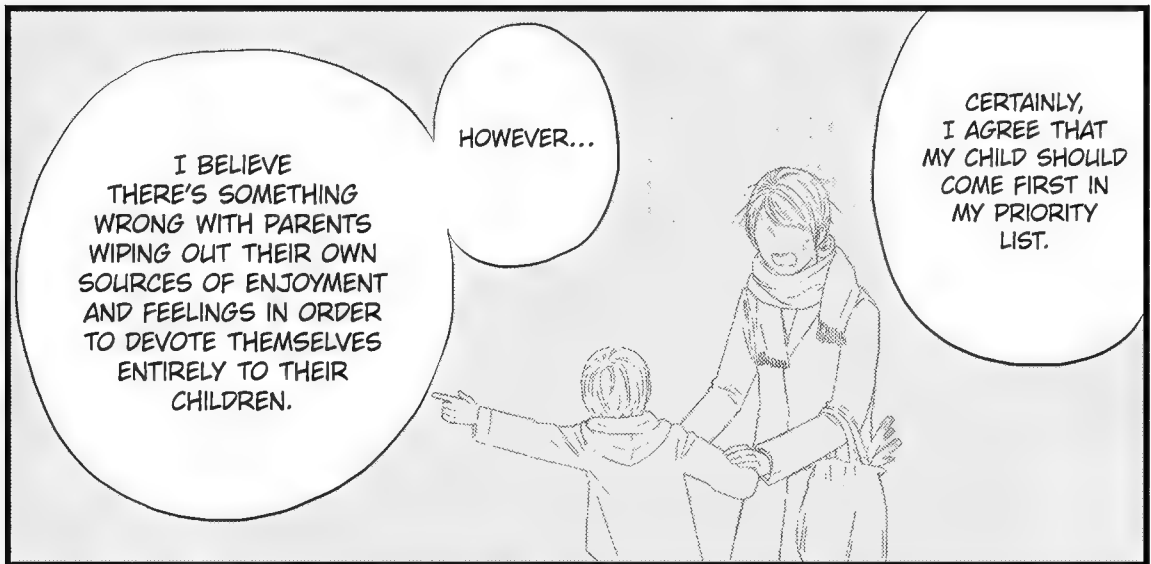


NOW THAT
I'M GOING TO
BE A PARENT,
YOU THINK I
NEED TO GIVE
UP MY INTERESTS
AND PUT UP WITH
ANYTHING FOR
THE BABY'S
SAKE...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

SO YOU'RE
THAT TYPE OF
PERSON, TOO,
KIRISHIMA-
SAN...

"AGAIN?"
WHAT...?



I BELIEVE
THERE'S SOMETHING
WRONG WITH PARENTS
WIPING OUT THEIR OWN
SOURCES OF ENJOYMENT
AND FEELINGS IN ORDER
TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES
ENTIRELY TO THEIR
CHILDREN.

HOWEVER...

CERTAINLY,
I AGREE THAT
MY CHILD SHOULD
COME FIRST IN
MY PRIORITY
LIST.



WOULDN'T
YOU REGRET IT
DEEPLY?

AFTER ALL
THE SACRIFICES
AND PATIENCE
YOU'VE PUT
INTO RAISING
THEM...



HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED HOW
YOU WOULD FEEL IF,
DESPITE ALL OF THIS,
YOUR CHILD DOESN'T
GROW UP THE WAY
YOU EXPECTED?

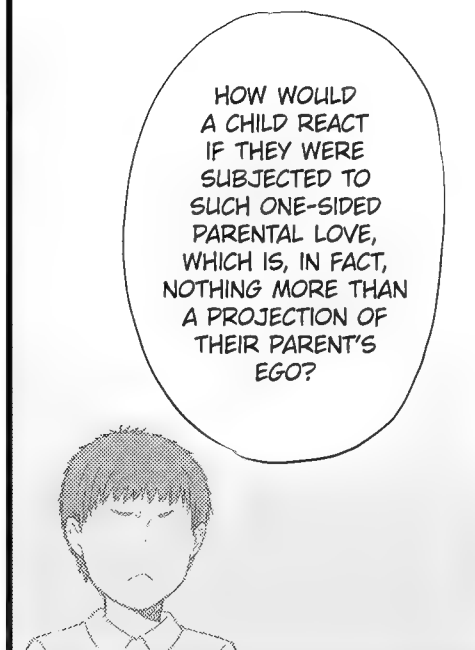
YOU DO
NOTHING BUT
RAISE AND NURTURE
YOUR CHILD, WHILE
DEPRIVING YOURSELF
OF YOUR PLEASURES.
YOU PUT UP WITH
ANYTHING AND
EVERYTHING...



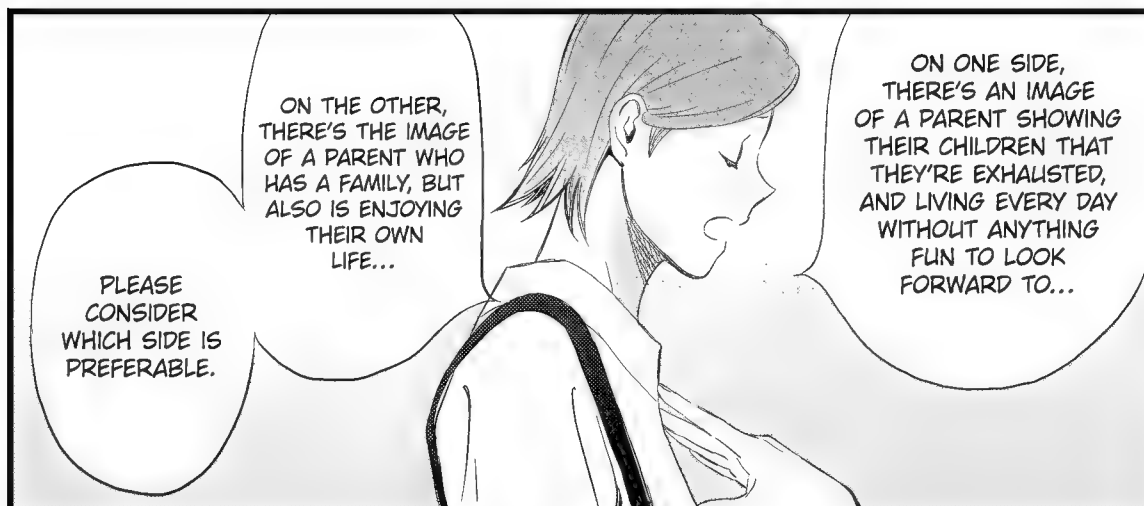
THEY'LL
TELL YOU,
"I DIDN'T ASK
YOU TO GIVE
BIRTH TO
ME!"

I'M SURE
OF THAT.

IN
ADOLESCENCE,
DURING THEIR
REBELLIOUS
PERIOD...



HOW WOULD
A CHILD REACT
IF THEY WERE
SUBJECTED TO
SUCH ONE-SIDED
PARENTAL LOVE,
WHICH IS, IN FACT,
NOTHING MORE THAN
A PROJECTION OF
THEIR PARENT'S
EGO?



ON THE OTHER,
THERE'S THE IMAGE
OF A PARENT WHO
HAS A FAMILY, BUT
ALSO IS ENJOYING
THEIR OWN
LIFE...

PLEASE
CONSIDER
WHICH SIDE IS
PREFERABLE.

ON ONE SIDE,
THERE'S AN IMAGE
OF A PARENT SHOWING
THEIR CHILDREN THAT
THEY'RE EXHAUSTED,
AND LIVING EVERY DAY
WITHOUT ANYTHING
FUN TO LOOK
FORWARD TO...



IF PARENTS
DON'T ENJOY
THEIR OWN LIVES,
THEIR CHILDREN
WON'T EITHER.

...DON'T YOU
AGREE?



"IT'S HARD
TO BE AN ADULT,"
OR "BECOMING A
PARENT IS TOO
TIRESOME"...

CHILDREN
GROW UP
WATCHING
THEIR
PARENTS.

I DON'T
WANT MY
CHILDREN TO
THINK THOSE
THINGS.

